

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/624,331  
Applicant: Shinichi NISHIKAWA  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OPTICAL ELEMENT  
MADE OF GLASS  
Confirmation No.: 6976  
Customer No.: 24367  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)**

Applicant hereby petitions that U.S. Patent Application No. 10/624,331 be withdrawn from issue in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2).

This Petition to Withdraw from Issue is filed in response to the Response to Rule 312 Communication dated March 18, 2009. The Response to Rule 312 Communication indicated the Rule 312 Amendment dated March 6, 2009 would not be entered. Applicant desires entry of the amendments provided in the Rule 312 Amendment.

Application No. 10/624,331  
Petition to Withdraw Application from Issuance dated March 24, 2009  
Reply to Response to Rule 312 Communication of March 18, 2009

Accordingly, a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted herewith, to become effective upon the granting of this Petition.

A Preliminary Amendment is also submitted herewith reflecting the amendments previously requested in the Rule 312 Amendment.

Please charge the fee, considered to be \$130.00 currently prescribed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) for a petition to the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c) to withdraw an application from issue, to Sidley Austin LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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Respectfully submitted,

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